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Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 4-50 and 52-62. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (currently amended) A composition comprising an isolated nucleic acid molecule which encodes a Pvs25 polypeptide having at least 95% <u>amino acid sequence</u> identity to SEQ ID NO:4, wherein the polypeptide induces an immune response in a susceptible organism that blocks the transmission of malaria.
- 2. (previously presented) A composition comprising an isolated nucleic acid having a sequence as shown in SEQ ID NO:3.
- 3. (original) A composition comprising an isolated nucleic acid molecule which encodes a Pvs25 polypeptide having an amino acid sequence as shown in SEQ ID NO:4.
 - 4-50 (canceled)
- 51. (currently amended) A composition comprising an isolated nucleic acid molecule which encodes a Pvs25 polypeptide, wherein the polypeptide induces an immune response in a susceptible organism that blocks the transmission of malaria, and wherein the nucleic acid molecule has at least 95% nucleic acid sequence identity to SEQ ID NO:3.

52-62 (canceled)